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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COMMERCIAL FISH PRODUCTION, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA, 1960. 1/

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As of possible interest to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Department of the Interior, there is given below some statistical information taken from a news release dated March 11, 1961, from the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, regarding commercial fish production for the Province of Ontario during 1960.

The preliminary estimate of 1960 commercial fish production for the Province, as reported by the Department of Lands and Forests, shows 45,039,000 pounds with a value to the fishermen of $4,807,000. This represents an increase in value of 15.6% in spite of a 4.1% decrease in total production when compared to the preliminary figures compiled for 1959.

In 1960 Lake Erie produced a total of 28,181,000 pounds, including just over seven million pounds from experimental trawling operations. This is a decrease of 6.4%. Total value, however, increased 20% from $1,694,000 in 1959 to $2,033,000 in 1960. The landed catch of smelt, white bass, and sheepshead was up while decreases were noted in other species, including perch, yellow pickerel, whitefish, lake herring, and blue pickerel.

The total catch reported for the northern inland waters dropped slightly to 7,273,000 pounds with value steady at $1,050,000. Decreases were reported in the production of yellow pickerel, whitefish, northern pike, and lake trout. Decreases in the above-named species were largely offset by increases in 1960 in suckers, tullibee, ling, sturgeon, and saugers.

Production from Ontario waters of Lake Huron increased 53.5% to 3,263,000 pounds worth $864,000. Chub, whitefish, and perch production showed an increase, while yellow pickerel landings dropped from 326,000 pounds to 263,000 pounds.

Lake Superior landings decreased 20.8% to 2,912,000 pounds at a value of $261,000. With the exception of menominee, with increased production from 18,000 pounds to 55,000 pounds, decreases were general throughout the lake.

Lake Ontario production fell 15.7% to 1,776,000 pounds bringing $302,000 to the fishermen. The catch of perch, herring and sunfish showed an increase,

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but whitefish, yellow pickerel, carp, bullhead, catfish, smelt, eels, and white perch were less than in the previous year.

Commercial fish production in Lake St. Clair decreased 17.1% to 669,000 pounds. Value of the catch, however, increased 32% to $131,000. Production of yellow pickerel, catfish and suckers was up, with small decreases noted in other species. Carp reported, however, dropped sharply from 408,000 pounds to 163,000 pounds.

Total production from southern inland waters was up 59.2% to 586,000 pounds with increases in all species except sturgeon.

The Georgian Bay reported 190,000 pounds, up 10.5% from the 1959 preliminary figure. Landings of whitefish and chub were up but decreases in the catch of yellow pickerel and suckers were reported.

The North Channel of Lake Huron held steady at 189,000 pounds. Whitefish dropped from 61,000 pounds to 30,000 pounds; while the take of suckers, yellow pickerel and northern pike increased.

A preliminary summary of catch by lake and species reported in thousands of pounds, with values shown in thousands of dollars, is tabulated in enclosure No. 1. Dollar values as expressed in this despatch and the enclosure thereto are in Canadian currency.

COMMERCIAL FISH LANDINGS 1960

pecies	L.Ont.	L.Erie	LSC	L.Huron	G.B.	N.C.	L.Sup.	NIW	SIW	Tot.Catch '000	Value. '000$
lue Pickerel		3								3	1
ullhead	263	37	6		1			53	136	496	71
arp	300	314	163	23	19	3			281	1,103	62
atfish	29	174	87	14	4				13	321	61
hub, Tullibee				1,461	29		102	386		1,978	358
els	109								2	111	13
erring	77	6		17	2		2,243	11		2,356	90
ake Trout	2				1		107	164		274	87
ing		2					6	569	9	586	2
orthern Pike	41		16		5	22	4	746		834	77
erch	135	11,535	36	720	10	8	15	22	8	12,489	1,293
hite Perch	18									18	1
enominee				3		4	55	6		68	6
uckers	38	78	119	54	17	74	24	1,140	16	1,560	25
ock Bass & Crappies.	25	37	16					22	6	106	14
augers			5	1			18	62		86	17
heepshead	16	1,366	24	21				2		1,429	19
melt	132	10,735		1						10,868	344
turgeon & Caviar	9	4	13	6	2	7	8	112	12	173	151
unfish	152	25	14						101	292	25
hite Bass	8	3,169	27	12				1	2	3,219	281
hitefish	279	38		667	53	30	88	1,891		3,046	791
ellow Pickerel	130	614	139	263	43	41	242	2,057		3,529	1,013
oldeyes								29		29	4
lewives, Gar, Shad and Dogfish.	13	44	4		4					65	1
OTAL CATCH:	1,776	28,181	669	3,263	190	189	2,912	7,273	586	45,039	
OTAL VALUE:	302	2,033	131	864	56	54	261	1,050	56		4,807

SC Lake St. Clair; G.B. Georgian Bay; N.C. North Channel; SIW Southern Inland Waters; IW Northern Inland Waters.

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